[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

(*a*) whether there is budget allotment for clearing silt deposits in channels which are fed by the Kodayar Reservoir; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that because of the non-clearance of silt deposits, the flow of water in the channels is arrested?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are not aware of any such case.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether it is a fact that a report was sent to the Government that because of the non-clearance of silt deposits, the flow of water in the channel is arrested?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information about it.

Construction of a cart road leading to the Karipara village.

143. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was at any time a proposal to construct a cart road between the Karipara village and the nearest road to the west of the said village?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware of any such proposal.

Population of the Suchindram and Terur villages and the land tax paid by the villagers thereof.

144. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the population of Suchindram and Terur; and

(*b*) the approximate amount of land tax paid by the villagers of Suchindram and Terur?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The population of Suchindram *cum* Terur is 10,622.

(*b*) The approximate tax paid by the villagers of Suchindram and Terur is Rs. 13,500 and Rs. 25,000, respectively.

Auction sale of shop-sites and collection from hawkers at Oachira during the Kali festival in 1107.

145. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of money realised by the auction sale of shop-sites on the *poramboke* lands at Oachira in connection with the *Kali* festival there in 1107;

(*b*) whether any collections were made this year from hawkers wandering about or squatting there, for sale of their articles, and, if so the amount thereof, and whether any collection was made in the previous year, and, if so, the amount thereof;

(*c*) whether the *poramboke* land round about the Oachira temple is declared a public market under the Markets Regulation and

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whether any rates of fees have been fixed by the Government and duly published for the information of the public, and, if so, the date thereof and the rates fixed ;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint this year (1107) or the year previous from the public that the levy of fees from the hawkers has been extortionate and unusual and whether they have taken any notice of such complaints, and, if so, the action taken thereon ; and

(*e*) whether they are not satisfied that the levy of such fees is illegal and highly objectionable ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 369-2-15.

(*b*) No amount is reported to have been realised from hawkers wandering about the place, but a sum of Rs. 11-15-12 has been collected from squatters in 1107, and a similar collection of Rs. 8-0-4 was made in 1106.

(*c*) The *poramboke* land near the Oachira temple has not been declared a public market. The collections from Oachira Padanilam for *Kali* festival and *Vrischika Vritam* are being made as per the Kuttakapattam Rules and credited under Kuttakapattam receipts.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The levy of fees is authorised by the Kuttakapattam Rules.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : In regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know what the Tahsildar did when some of these hawkers squatted on Ochira Padanilam ? Did the Tahsildar realise any dues from them when they squatted ? After wandering the hawkers must certainly have squatted.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is not for merely squatting that any money is realised. It is realised for squatting and doing business.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapally*) : I am asking the member whether the Tahsildar collected anything from the hawkers when they squatted.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The question was whether any collections were made for the sale of the articles from hawkers.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I take it that when these hawkers wandered about nothing was realised and that when they squatted some money was realised from them?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No fees are realised from people who wander about and sell articles but when they do squat and carry on any sale a fee is realised.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Does the member therefore say that when these squatters themselves wander about nothing will be collected from them, but only when they squat some money will be collected ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to make the distinction.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the member be pleased to state how the Tahsildar made the distinction?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The money is only collected from people who actually squat and carry on the sale of their articles.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : That is why I am asking whether any money was collected from the hawkers when they squatted?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not know.

Leasing out of certain lands in the Neendakara A Division pakuthi.

146. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Survey Nos. 5473, 5474, 5475, 5476, 5477 and 5471-1, in the Neendakara A Division pakuthi, are leased out on *kuttakapattam* to any individual ;

(*b*) the terms of the lease ; and

(*c*) whether any contract in writing is entered into between the lessor and the lessee?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An extent of 27 and odd acres of tank-bed comprised in Survey No. 5473 of the Neendakara A Division pakuthi has been leased out on *kuttakapattam* by the Government to one Mr. R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai.

(*b*) The terms of the lease are the following :—

(1) that the lessee should pay an annual rent of Rs. 250 ;

(2) that the lessee should vacate the land at any time when required by the Government ; and

(3) that the term of the lease is to be for a period of ten years.

(*c*) The agreement is reported to have not yet been executed, but the lessee has deposited a sum of Rs. 250 as security.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know when the lease was given?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That was in February 1932.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether there is a G. O. that no land fit for irrigation should be given over until the Minor Irrigation Committee submits its report?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, but there is only a proviso that without the sanction of the Government no land should be registered away or leased out.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether there is a G. O. that land fit for irrigation should not be given on *kuttakapattam* until the Minor Irrigation Committee submits its report?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It only says that without the sanction of the Government no *kuttakapattam* can be given. But in this case the sanction of the Government has been given.

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